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THE CZARINA.

A recent dispatch to the New York Tribune purporting to be from St. Petersburg stated that the wife of Czar Alexander III. had become insane in consequence of the nervous strain to which she has long been subjected on account of the dangers to which the czar and herself have been exposed from nihilist conspirators. If the report is true it is as likely the insanity comes from heredity as from any anxiety for the safety of her husband and herself, for her sister, Princess Thyra, daughter of the King of Denmark and wife of the Duke of Cumberland, claimant of the Hanoverian duchy, has been out of her mind for several years. The czarina married under peculiar circumstances. She was first betrothed to the elder brother of Alexander III., who was a debauchee of the lowest order and whose death was the result of his vicious course. Within half an hour after the death of the heir-apparent Princess Dagmar was betrothed to his younger brother, the present czar, whom she married in 1866.

According to a recent interview with Hon. George V. N. Lathrop, who resigned the Russian mission a few months ago, there has been a great deal of exaggeration in the newspapers about the perils to which the czar is exposed and the means he takes to avoid assassination. The czar, according to Mr. Lathrop, drives and walks about the capital very much the same as any other man of wealth and rank would, and so far as outward appearances indicate takes no pains to keep out of the reach of nihilist bullets. It is quite possible that the strict censorship which the Russian authorities maintain over correspondence from that country has served to stimulate the imagination of newspaper writer in other capitals of Europe. The recent attempt to wreck the royal train shows, however, that the king business in Russia has its dangers as well as its pleasures.

BOILER INSPECTION.

The Benton River Press opposes the enactment of the boiler-inspection bill introduced last week in the upper house of the legislative assembly. "We hope the bill may be permitted to die right where it is," says the Press. "There is no call for it. There has been no blowing up of steam works in the territory, no destruction of property or loss of life consequent upon the reckless or ignorant management of steam boilers that would suggest the propriety of such a measure." The Press' memory is defective. It is not ten weeks since the explosion of a boiler at the Boston & Montana company's Colusa concentrator, in Meadville, killed four men, and the exploding boiler was one that would have been condemned by a competent inspector. The bill in question is absolutely needed as a protection to life and property. Not only should boilers be subject to inspection, but those having charge of boilers should be put through a rigid examination to establish their capability for the duty devolved upon them. Men ignorant of the rules governing the operation of steam boilers should not be in position where their incompetence constitutes a menace to everyone else about the premises.

SOME people have queer ideas of what constitutes a joke. Two persons at Piedmont, S. C., went to a clergyman and had him perform the marriage ceremony for them, and after he had caused publication of the alleged marriage to be made in the local papers, it came out that both the contracting parties were men, who had taken part in the ceremony "just for a lark." A diagram is necessary to an understanding of the joke.

"NEW MEXICO—Its Fitness for Statehood—Sure to be Republican"—is the heading of an article in the Chicago Inter Ocean. The last clause of the heading is, to the mind of the really good party organ, sufficient evidence of the preceding one. No other argument is needed.

COL. ELLIOTT F. SHEPARD, whose able editorials in the New York Mail and Express are preceded by a fresh text of

scripture every day, addressed a meeting of Methodist clergymen in New York on Monday, whom he criticised for indifference to the subject of Sunday observance. The truly good colonel was then taken in hand by one of the clergymen, who expressed his high appreciation of the scripture texts and moral essays he found in the Mail and Express, but asked how the editor could permit so much of the space in his valuable publication to be devoted to the reports of horse-races. The religious editor's reply was ingenious if not entirely ingenious. He published a sporting column, he said, in the interest of christianity. By publishing sporting news he thought he could induce sporting men to buy his paper and read the sermons and moral editorials which appeared in other columns. Col. Shepard did not make this explanation very glibly, and when he sat down no one applauded.

THE SAMOAN AFFAIR.

The correspondence of Secretary Whitney regarding the difficulties in the South Pacific which is published on the first page of this paper to day, shows that that official is and has been fully alive to the possibilities of the occasion. He has, as far as possible, prepared for a demonstration which shall convince Germany that this nation is not to be trifled with, and has only delayed the dispatch of a squadron to Samoa because of the dilatoriness on the part of the state department in indicating what the policy of this government is to be. Mr. Whitney has, however, directed vessels now stationed at San Francisco to be prepared to sail immediately upon receipt of orders. The state department, according to the dispatches, has received later official advice from Samoa than have yet been made public, the tenor of which may be inferred from the language of the dispatch, which speaks of "the disturbance of the 18th ultimo, in which so many Germans were killed and wounded by natives under the leadership of an alleged American citizen named Klein." Secretary Bayard need have no doubt as to the citizenship of Klein, who is widely known in newspaper circles in Chicago, St. Louis, Denver and San Francisco. Klein's account of the fight published in the San Francisco Examiner indicates that he in no manner assumed the leadership of the native party, although he acted as interpreter for Mataafa's men, with whom he was thrown in his legitimate efforts to secure news. His account of the insults put upon the American flag by the Germans is circumstantial and, doubtless, strictly truthful. Mr. Bayard should lose no time in demanding a full explanation from the German government.

ADMIRAL GERHARDI, commandant at the Brooklyn navy yard, said to a reporter, the other day, that in the event of war between the United States and Germany growing out of the Samoan controversy the conflict would be a naval affair exclusively. He said: "We have been making a great many improvements in our navy, but it does not in any way compare with that of Germany, of course. But she would be at a disadvantage if she attempted to back up her claim to Samoa on account of the great distance her vessels would have to go. It would not take the United States very long to get men together and hurry them across the continent and embark them for Samoa. We have vessels enough for transports and could land a big force on the island long before Germany could get there. That would be the seat of war. Earthworks and various defences could be thrown up, so that our forces could hold the island even if Germany saw fit to send over some of her best vessels." The admiral considered the country safe against any invasion Germany or any other power might undertake.

WHARTON BARKER, the Philadelphia banker whose connection with the Chinese-American telegraph and banking scheme has been recently set forth in the columns of the INDEPENDENT, is quoted as saying:

"For eight years I labored earnestly and persistently for the result that was attained at Chicago last summer. Of course, if I am not recognized now, I know I never will be. If I am not appointed secretary of the treasury I am out of politics forever and completely."

Everyone knows that Mr. Barker was one of the largest contributors to the republican corruption fund, and everyone will know, if he is appointed secretary of the treasury, that it is for "value received." There are so many more capable men for the position to which he aspires, and who have been trained in the school of experience, that the country will be surprised if Mr. Barker is given the treasury portfolio.

The growth of the banking business of Helena is shown in a striking light by the history of the First National, printed in another part of this paper. This institution has increased its surplus and profit account to \$500,000, which, in addition to its capital stock, gives a banking account available of \$1,000,000. The fact that the First National bank of Helena does a larger business than any similar institution between St. Paul and San Francisco speaks eloquently for the prosperity of this city and territory. This is but one of four national banks in Helena, all of which are doing a large and profitable business.

WILLIAM PIERCE, who murdered his father in 1839, in New York, for which

crime he was sentenced to imprisonment for life, has spent fifty years in confinement, first in the Auburn penitentiary and subsequently in the asylum for insane criminals, was ten days ago transferred from the last named institution to an asylum for incurably insane persons, his sentence having been commuted by Gov. Hill. On the way to his new home he saw a locomotive for the first time in his life (he is 65 years old), and seemed to arouse from his lethargy at the sight. The punishment he has endured is not less severe than the death penalty.

THERE is not the slightest possibility that the senate substitute for the house tariff bill will pass the house. Were the representatives ever so favorably disposed toward the measure, which is not the case, there does not remain sufficient time for its consideration and for the transaction of such necessary business as is now upon the house calendar. The republican Fifty-first congress will have the opportunity to deal with the question, and in view of the result of the late election it is only right that the congress then chosen should have the responsibility of legislating upon the one supreme question before the people.

MINES AND MINING.

The Cumberland Mine, Empire, and Cour d'Alene Properties.

Much has been said recently of the Cumberland negotiations at Castle mountains. The new syndicate formed to operate the mine and smelter is made up of men from White Sulphur Springs and vicinity, who have succeeded in bonding a half interest in the mine, the bond to expire May 1. F. L. Hensley writes that when the Cumberland Mining and Smelting company became insolvent the property was not in the hands of the Hensley brothers, as has been heretofore stated. They were entirely responsible, having sold all their interest in the company to King & Ash and turned the management over to them last October, and it is to these gentlemen the responsibility of the failure is due.

Mr. Chadbourne, of the Empire mine, returned from the 500 foot level a rich streak of ore was found, which is being opened up with prospects of widening. The upper levels are looking well, he says, and the entire sixty stamper mill is dropping on ore, but owing to the shortage of water the free runners have had to stop working.

F. M. Frank, a mining man, returned yesterday from a trip to the Cour d'Alene mines. He is interested in the San Francisco mine at Canyon City, which, he says, is undergoing development. In conversation with Patrick Clark, of the Poor-man, he learned that it was his intention to build a concentrator resume within the coming week. The chink of the past ten days has rendered the lake navigable and the large amount of concentrates accumulated from the Poor-man concentrator are about to be shipped. The shaft near the creek below the tunnel, he says, will be sunk until 200 feet depth is attained. The 100 ton concentrator for the Hunter mine is about finished and will be started in motion February 15. He says the concentrator at the Morning mine, near Mulian, is well under way, but will not be completed before April. While on the way here, Mr. Frank said, he could hear nothing else talked of but the new chloride process. He says the excitement is as great, if not worse, than that created by the discovery of gold in the Cour d'Alene. Men are so anxious to get there that if the steamer is not on time they jump in row boats and plow their way through the stream.

Services To-Day.

First Baptist church, corner Eighth avenue and Warren street, Rev. C. B. Allen, Jr., pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., conducted by the pastor.

Calvary Mission of the First Baptist church, Stubbs' hall, Gallatin street; Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.

Regular services at the Christian church this morning and evening at usual hours. Sunday school at 8:45 a. m. All are invited.

Rev. L. Sherven, a Scandinavian Lutheran missionary minister, will preach in the Helena Business college, third floor corner Main and Sixth avenue to-day at 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. All are cordially invited.

Services at the Congregational church as usual, with preaching by the pastor on the texts: Matt. 25:41-42 and Genesis 1:1. Bible class and Sunday school at 2:30. Young people's meeting at 6:45.

Services at the Methodist church this morning and evening at usual hours. Sunday school at 8:45 a. m. All are invited.

Rev. W. M. Britt will preach at the Grand Central Baptist church, corner Main and Sixth avenue to-day at 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. All are cordially invited.

Bishop Brondel will deliver a lecture on a proper subject this evening at the Cathedral.

Testimonial of Regard.

HELENA, M. T., Jan. 25, 1889.—At a special meeting of the directors of the Montana National bank, held on the above date, the following were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Ebenezer Sharpe, who has held the position of cashier of the Montana National bank, of Helena, Montana, since its organization, and until the 18th day of January, 1889, has severed his connection with said bank; and,

Resolved, That we, the board of directors of said bank, regret his departure and take this occasion to testify to his uniform courtesy, strict attention to business, unquestioned ability and absolute integrity during his official connection with said bank and the board hereby return to him their sincere thanks.

A. G. CLARKE,
R. C. WALLACE, S. C. ASHBY,
S. E. ATKINSON, HERMAN GANS,
L. G. PHELPS,
Board of Directors of the Montana National Bank.

The Disposition!

of some people to evade a direct or plain statement is certainly very aggravating. The truth will come out, and the people should just as well know now that Curo is the greatest throat and lung medium on earth.

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THINGS THEATRICAL.

Manager Maguire Returns From the East and Talks About Coming Attractions.

BUTTE OPERA HOUSE.

Affairs Will be Settled and the Building Soon Completed—Miss Rockman, of Helena, Receives High Praise.

Manager John Maguire, after a protracted visit in the east, returned yesterday in company with the Rose Osborne company, direct from St. Paul. Miss Osborne will open at Ming's Monday night in "A Celebrated Case." The lady is an entire stranger in this western country, and has never appeared on the coast except when she played a star engagement at the California Theatre in San Francisco, when she was supported by such talent as Mestayer, Marlow and J. D. Williams. She afterwards went to Australia and played there with great success for two seasons. Coming back to America she was engaged by Booth to play opposite parts to him, and played three seasons. She was also with the Union Square theatre when it was conducted by Shook & Collyer, who included in their company Kate Claxton, Rose Eytling, James O'Neil and Lewis Morris. Miss Osborne scored one of the biggest hits ever made in New York, Maguire says, while with this company in the part she appears in to-morrow night in the "Celebrated Case." When the Union Square company started for San Francisco, Miss Osborne resigned and accepted an engagement with Adelaide Neilson, playing equal parts with her in all Shakespearean plays. Latterly she has been starring in the New England and western states.

There will be a change of bill every other night. On Wednesday Miss Osborne will appear in "Valerie," a play written especially for her by Sardou. She also plays "Article 47," "Two Nights in Rome" and "Lady Clancarty." Rosner's orchestra has been engaged.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Manager Maguire has a long list of fine attractions engaged, which will appear during the coming season. Some of the principal ones are: Goodyear, Cook & Dillon's minstrels, which he saw in St. Louis, where he engaged them; J. K. Emmet, and Sol Smith Russell. Musin, the celebrated violinist, will give concerts in Helena, Butte and Anaconda. Miss Tanager, who created a favorable impression when here with the Philharmonic society, and the great tenor who was here with Clara Louise Kellogg three years ago, are with the Musin company. Gillette, who will be remembered as the "Private Secretary," will be here in "The Enemy." Mr. Maguire classes this as the best American play in the east. Miss Minnie Dupree, he says, is with Gillette's troupe and has made the hit of her life in this play. She is the little soubrette who was at one time with Maguire's stock company. Other attractions are the "King's Fool" opera company, with sixty people and gorgeous scenery; Frank Daniels in "Little Puck" and "Margaret Mather; Hoyt's "Tin Soldier;" "Bunch of Keys;" J. K. Polk in "Mixed Pickles;" Johnson & Slavvin's minstrels, the Bostonians in opera, who are said to have \$20,000 out of the Denver pockets last week; Januscheck, Milton Nobles; "One of the Bravest;" Bill Nye and Riley in lectures; and the manager is negotiating with Dr. Talmage for a series of lectures. If Maguire keeps his promises there will be no lack of amusement for the theatre going public the coming season.

THE BUTTE OPERA HOUSE.

In connection with the trouble at the Grand opera house, Manager Maguire said yesterday that upon his arrival in this city he received the first intimation that any trouble existed. He leaves the morning for Butte and will at once adjust the difficulty, which he looks upon as a very trifling matter. He says he will announce the date of the opening of the new structure, which will be in a few weeks. The furnishings are already in Butte. The chairs, which are on the road and will reach the west side in a week. "The property is worth \$50,000," he remarked, "and it is a pity if a few thousand dollars could prevent me from finishing the structure. I have that amount at my command and there will be no further trouble after I reach Butte."

A PROMISING HELENA ACTRESS.

While in New York Maguire spent an afternoon with Dion Boucicault. The latter gentleman, he says, has taken great interest in a Helena young lady in her artistic career and that is May Rockman. She is under Boucicault's tuition, who is preparing her at the Madison Square theatre for the stage. He classes his pupil as the coming star and remarked to Maguire that in all his experience he never saw a young lady with greater promises for a brilliant future than Miss Rockman. John said he felt proud to hear of a Montana girl in such a position and could draw such an expression of confidence out of Boucicault, who considers her away ahead of anything in New York.

NOTES.

When in St. Louis Mr. Maguire went to see the American Opera company and there saw Adelaide Randall receiving showers of flowers, which he had been told was a nightly occurrence. The house was packed. When Miss Randall was in Helena she didn't draw a corporation's guarantee. Maguire has the refusal of the management of Baker's opera house in Chicago. He is wanted to book attractions for this theatre and will receive a half interest in the lease. He is not decided what to do with the offer, but if he should accept it, he says it will in no way interfere with his Montana business.

A Chance for Montana Athletes.

I would be pleased to meet any man up to 150 lbs. in Montana or adjoining territories in a dumb-bell lifting contest for gate receipts or a wager, or both, match to take place in Helena or Butte, in public, in not less than two week's time, and with a series of weights, say twenty-five pounds, fifty pounds, seventy-five pounds, one hundred and either can put up. Should the match, up to this point result in a draw, two to two, it is to be decided with raising a dumb bell with two hands, or one twenty-five or fifty pound dumb-bell in each hand. I am not a professional athlete, but a mechanic, weigh only 140 pounds and would like to get on a match with one or more men of my weight in Montana, just for the love of sport.

THOMAS R. LEASE,
Care of Piccadilly Saloon,
Helena, Mont.

Real Estate Transfer.

The following real estate transfer was filed in the recorder's office yesterday: Jonsson L. Perkins et al. to Samuel Kohler et al., lots 3, 4, 11, 12, block 3, lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, block 3, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, block 3, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, block 4, and lot B, Valley View addition.

AMONG THE RAILROADS.

Many Excursionists for the East—The Montana Central.

Yesterday was the last day for the sale of excursion tickets to St. Paul, and many people availed themselves of the chance to ride cheaply. Both the Northern Pacific and Montana Central ticket agents were kept busy during the afternoon. During the week fully 125 Helenites purchased tickets. Among the many who left yesterday via the Manitoba were: Jacob Rummel and wife, W. C. Riddell, Miss Jackson, Miss S. F. Herrick and Mrs. W. D. Wheeler, to Syracuse, New York; Mrs. Jerome, New York city; F. N. McIntire, John Shober and niece, Miss Shober, A. D. Churchill, Mrs. J. N. Stocum, Charles B. Lee, E. W. Knight, David Sutton, D. J. Silliman, New York; J. W. Kinsley, Bloomington, Ill.; J. Yaeger, St. S. Hale, D. D. Twydy, of Boulder; J. J. Cronk, J. A. Gordon, S. C. Ashby and wife leave this morning for St. Paul. Other excursionists who left yesterday or will start to-day via the Northern Pacific are: Bennett Price, John Sturrock, Mrs. W. E. Vanease to Sturgis, Michigan, and H. W. Lawton.

The next excursion to be announced will be to the inauguration of the president-elect. Though it has not yet been officially announced, it is understood that the Montana Central will sell through tickets via the Northern Pacific. The time on the through St. Paul passenger train over the Montana Central to Butte has been so arranged that when it reaches its terminus, close connection is made with the south bound Utah & Northern train to Salt Lake. The St. Paul train, which leaves Butte in the morning, carries the Union Pacific sleeper to this point and in the evening it is again attached so that Union Pacific passengers do not have to change cars at Butte. This arrangement has proven quite an accommodation to the public and the increased traffic over this line attests that the plan is appreciated.

General Manager Shelby says the demand for Sand Coulee coal in Butte is steadily increasing, as of late its quality has greatly improved. In a recent conversation Col. Broadwater said to an Independent reporter that the coal could be used for all purposes by slight changes in the system of grates. He said when it was first tried on his road some difficulty was encountered in making it burn, but the grates were changed in all the locomotives and ever since the coal has given entire satisfaction.

FALLEN WOMEN'S HOME.

One Established in Helena by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

Sister's of the Good Shepherd, who have been in Helena for some days looking over the field have purchased a house on the corner of Grand avenue and Hoback street and will open a home for the reclamation of fallen women.

The order of the Good Shepherd was founded in Normandy, 1841, by venerable John Euclid. The little seed then sown has grown into a mighty tree, the branches whereof extend to every quarter of the globe and shelters 20,000 souls which have been rescued from a life of sin. The good embraced by this noble order is manifold, but its primary object is the reclaiming of the fallen. Children viciously inclined or whose parents are morally unfit to watch over them, are taken care of in the preserve department. They have no communication whatever with the girls and women in the reformatory. Those of the latter who do not wish to leave the asylum can become Magdalenes, a society provided over by one of the ladies of the Good Shepherd. Let it be distinctly understood, however, good her family or connections, can be a Sister of the Good Shepherd if she and all her female relatives be not of unblemished character.

There is no order in the church more particular on this point. The white dress of the sisterhood is emblematic of the purity of their lives and the sanctity of their Christian homes, for the white robes worn are christened, never leaving the precincts of their inclosure when fully established. The out-door sisters, who dress in black, attend to outside business. The inmates are supported by the fruit of their own industry and the contributions of the charitable. Sewing and laundry work are solicited and the smallest contributions will be gratefully received. Persons of all denominations will be received into the asylum of the Good Shepherd, which will open its doors as soon as it is furnished.

PERSONAL.

Manager John Maguire arrived from New York last evening.

John Holtz, of Empire, is spending a few days with friends in this city.

James King leaves for the east to-day for a few weeks, upon matters of business.

Geo. W. Irvin II., Lee Mantle, Lawrence A. Brown and Jerry Collins and several other legislators have gone home to spend Sunday with their families.

Col. Curtis received a dispatch last evening stating that his brother, J. H. Curtis, of Butte, had just arrived in New York on his trip abroad, and will reach home by Feb. 1.

New Parlors.

Parlors for the sale of corsets and kid gloves will be opened to-morrow in the Herald building by Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Camp, formerly of Billings, Montana. They have located here permanently, will make a specialty of fitting kid gloves to the hand, and will handle only these two lines. The parlors are on the same plan of those in eastern cities, and the enterprise would show that Mr. Camp has good confidence in the growth of Helena. The business will be known as "The Helena Corset and Kid Glove Parlors," and should receive a liberal support from the ladies of Helena.

Business Notice.

I have this day disposed of my insurance business to R. A. Luke & Co., who will continue the business at my former office, and I ask for them a continuance of the liberal patronage heretofore extended to me.

Helena, Jan. 25, 1889.

Referring to the above, we have this day formed a co-partnership for the purpose of transacting a general insurance business, and ask from the former patrons of S. C. Ashby a continuance of their patronage.

R. A. LUKE & CO.

Helena, Jan. 25, 1889.

Bradstreet's Reports.

Telegrams to Bradstreet's from the various trade centres indicate a general improvement in most lines, especially in the northwest and west. Retail men in the northwest report business still quiet. So far in January thirty-three strikes have started, the total number of strikers being 8,605. There were 356 failures reported to Bradstreet during the week against 337 in the preceding week and 308 in the same week of 1888. Canada reports 47 against

42 in 1888. Bradstreet's table of imports show raw wool imported the first eleven months of 1888, 93,578,258 pounds against 93,566,445 pounds in 1887. The exports of raw cotton were 1,822,759,210 pounds, valued at \$182,558,841.00; manufactured cotton to the value of \$10,054,386.00. Montana reports two failures for the week, sixteen new firms commenced business and nineteen discontinued.

Scarff's Sunday Dinner.

A fine Sunday dinner at Jack Scarff's to-day. Since Jack opened his restaurant in the Harvey block his tables have been thronged and though all of his dinners have been excellent he intends to surpass them all by the feast he will serve to-day. Any and everything obtainable in the markets in the edible line will be served up as only his chief knows how to serve. Try Scarff's Sunday dinner if you want a feast.

Thoroughly Searched.

It must not be forgotten that Billy Melien is still in the ring and that the Hon. Ton will to-day furnish one of its usual good Sunday dinners. The market has been thoroughly searched and all the good things have been bought up by Billy.

Entitled to the Best.

All are entitled to the best that their money will buy, so every family should have, at once, a bottle of the best family remedy, Syrup of Figs, to cleanse the system when constipated or bilious. For sale in 50c. and \$1.00 bottles by all leading druggists.

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THE MARKETS.

STOCKS.

New York, Jan. 26.—Bar silver, 92. Copper—Dull; lake, January, \$16.75. Lead—Easy.

Outside of dealings in two or three stocks, the stock market presented no feature of interest, being dull and uninteresting throughout the session. Final changes are for slight gains only and about steady. Government bonds firm. Petroleum opened firm at 88, then declined and closed at 87.

Government bonds, 4s, 107 1/4; 4 1/2s, 109; Northern Pacific, 30s, preferred, 99 1/2; Oregon Navigation, 9 1/2; Transcontinental, 90 1/2; Union Pacific, 62 1/2; Oregon Improvement, 69 1/2. Money on call was easy at 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4 1/2. Sterling exchange dull steady; sixty-day bills, \$4.56 1/2; demand, \$4.58 1/2.

LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,200; steady; choice beefs, \$1.40 to \$1.75; steers, \$2.00 to \$2.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.25 to \$3.00; Texas cattle, \$2.00 to \$2.50. Hogs—Receipts, 11,000; stronger; mixed, \$4.50 to \$4.80; heavy, \$4.40 to \$4.75; light, \$4.50 to \$4.75. Sheep—Receipts, 1,000; steady; native, \$2.50 to \$3.00; western, \$2.40 to \$2.75; Texas, \$3.00 to \$4.00.

CHICAGO PRODUCE.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Wheat—Steady; cash and February, 95 1/2; May, 96 1/2. Corn—Steady; cash, 35; March, 35 1/2; May, 36 1/2. Oats—Steady; cash, 24 1/2; February, 25; May, 26 1/2. Rye—Steady; cash and February, \$1.10; May, \$1.17 1/2. Barley—Steady; cash and February, \$0.80; May, \$0.87 1/2.

South Missoula.

REAL ESTATE SALES

Commencing on February 1st, 1889, and ending on March 31st, 1889, we will offer for sale lots in South Missoula from \$30 to \$100 each, and certain corner lots at \$150. Lots are 30x100 feet. No street less than 100 feet wide. On lot of April, 1889, we will raise our prices on a scale with adjacent property.

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